

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.